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Please refer to the attached sheets reflecting changes to the specification.

Under the heading "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS," please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with:

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A/ This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/346,634 entitled DISPATCHING PACKETS FROM A FORWARDING AGENT USING TAG SWITCHING; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,124 entitled CASCADING MULTIPLE SERVICES ON A FORWARDING AGENT; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,111 entitled LOAD BALANCING USING DISTRIBUTED FORWARDING AGENTS WITH APPLICATION BASED FEEDBACK FOR DIFFERENT VIRTUAL MACHINES; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,428 entitled GATHERING NETWORK STATISTICS IN A DISTRIBUTED NETWORK SERVICE ENVIRONMENT; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,122 entitled HANDLING PACKET FRAGMENTS IN A DISTRIBUTED NETWORK SERVICE ENVIRONMENT; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,108 entitled SENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM A SERVICE MANAGER TO FORWARDING AGENTS ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,126 entitled DISTRIBUTION OF NETWORK SERVICES AMONG MULTIPLE SERVICE MANAGERS WITHOUT CLIENT INVOLVEMENT; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,048 entitled SYNCHRONIZING SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS AMONG FORWARDING AGENTS USING A SERVICE MANAGER; co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,125 entitled BACKUP SERVICE MANAGERS FOR PROVIDING RELIABLE NETWORK SERVICES IN A DISTRIBUTED ENVIRONMENT; co-pending U.S. Patent Application

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No. 09/347,123 entitled STATEFUL FAILOVER OF SERVICE MANAGERS;  
co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,109 entitled  
NETWORK ADDRESS TRANSLATION USING A FORWARDING AGENT; and co-  
pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/347,036 entitled  
PROXYING AND UNPROXYING A CONNECTION USING A FORWARDING AGENT,  
all filed on July 2, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference  
for all purposes.

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